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Minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate, Monday, December 8, 1969, at 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the Dean of the Faculty.

Members Present: Dr. Cain (substituting for Miss Krebs), Mr. Houston, Mr. McCullick, Dr. Randall, Mr. McConnell, Dr. Sackett, Miss Christopher, Dr. Miller, Mrs. Theis, Miss Veed, Dr. Oliva, Dr. Rice and Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

Members Absent: Mr. Rayl.

Also Present: Mr. Kellerman, Dr. Bartholomew, Mr. Dilley, Dr. Bogue and Mrs. Popp.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Garwood, Chairman.

FULFILLMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION BY PARTICIPATING IN THE MARCHING BAND. Dr. Lewis Miller, representative of the Department of Music, had submitted a proposal from the Department at the previous meeting. The proposal is stated in the Senate Minutes of December 1. A report from the Music Department relative to the proposal is enclosed at the end of the Minutes.

Dr. Bartholomew said that the Marching Band was a service to the College. The Marching Band performs at football games and a segment of it plays during basketball games. During the past football season, the Band participated in only one football game, however.

Dr. Bartholomew said that it was difficult to obtain participation in Marching Band. He said it takes a considerable amount of time and practice. As is noted in the report which is enclosed, some schools permit the meeting of Physical Education requirements by participating in the Marching Band. Others provide a small stipend for those participating. At Fort Hays, members in the Marching Band receive credit for marching in the Band. But this is the only inducement they have. For music students who conduct bands in high schools, the experience in Marching Band is valuable.

Mr. Dilley said that there were 87 in the Marching Band this year. The proposal would also call for meeting the Physical Education requirement by participating in the Tiger Debs.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Miller moved that the Senate adopt the proposal as given. Motion seconded by Mr. McCullick.

Mr. Dilley said the Band practiced 65 - 80 hours per season. Mr. Dilley said that during the fall enrollment period the Band members will practice in the area of 15 hours.

Mr. Dilley stated that the proposal meant that the 4 hours in Physical Education could be met by being a participant in Marching Band for 4 semesters. He stated that the drills would be different each year. Although a student might have 4 units of Marching Band yet the content of each unit would be different from semester to semester.

Dr. Bartholomew said if the motion failed, the Music Department would consider the possibility of dropping Marching Band.

Dr. Bartholomew said there were not enough music majors to staff the Marching Band. Consequently, a number of those in the Band are non music majors. Many freshmen participate but as they continue in college, many drop from Marching Band. He said the band uniforms are not particularly attractive for women.

There are some scholarships given for Marching Band but there are not enough of them to cover everyone.

Not many students would be affected by this proposal. Some would take the Physical Education courses and participate in Marching Band.

Dr. Bogue said that the principle of the proposal was not acceptable to the members of his department. If you can substitute the Marching Band for Physical Education, why would it not be as logical to substitute other courses? Dr. Oliva said that it might be logical to substitute Physical Education for History 4. If

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the Physical Education courses are part of our College program, and thus far it has been assumed that they are, then it would be as logical to substitute Sociology for Physical Education as it would be to substitute Marching Band for Physical Education.

Dr. Bogue said that those who participate in various sports also take the required courses in Physical Education. The courses in Physical Education are designed to help the individual make better use of his leisure time. There is a great deal of interest in leisure time. He said Physical Education courses are designed to teach people to play golf, tennis, bowl, swim, participate in group sports and in general provide them a background which would be useful once they leave college.

Dr. Bogue said the Physical Education Department also had a "money problem." They have so much money which is allocated for athletic scholarships and they do not have as much money as they like. He said it appeared that the problem with the Music Department was similar to that of the Physical Education Department. The Physical Education Department makes solicitations for granting of athletic scholarships.

RECOMMENDATION: The motion was made by Dr. Randall to close debate. Motion seconded by Dr. Oliva. Motion carried.

The motion stated that each semester of participation in the Fort Hays Marching Band constitute the fulfillment of one semester's requirements in Physical Education, without credit in the latter area.

Motion failed. Eight voted against the motion; 3 voted for it.

RECOMMENDATION: Dr. Sackett moved/that the Senate recommend the College dissolve the Marching Band. Motion seconded by Dr. Randall.

Mr. McConnell said the Physical Education Department favors the activities of the Marching Band and were appreciative of their cooperation with the Physical

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Education Department. The point at issue, he said, was that Physical Education requirements should not be met by participation in an activity in another field.

The question was called for. Motion failed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

John D. Garwood, Chairman

Lucille Drees, Recorder